The Official Newsletter of American Fork City

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS







MAKE A PLAN

BUILD A KIT

BE INFORMED

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS Flooding: Make a Plan

American Fork City has been preparing for months making detailed plans and coordinating with different agencies to do all we can in advance to prepare for the spring snow melt. While nothing can be perfectly predicted, rest assured that if there is anything that can be done to prevent or mitigate flooding, American Fork City is doing it.

You can create your own emergency plan to be prepared for an emergency. Consider doing the following:

- Involve your family and friends as part of your plan.
- Assemble an emergency kit with food, water, and medicines.
- Prepare your home. Check your flood insurance, know where utility shut-offs are located, and get sandbags, if necessary.
- Prepare your family/pets and charge your essential electronics.

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Sign up for emergency alerts: americanfork.gov/AFNotify

Sign up for notifications. American Fork City utilizes AF Notify as the City's opt-in notification system to communicate with residents in the event of an emergency by means of a mass email, call, or text. To make sure you receive an emergency notification, please subscribe to AF Notify at americanfork.gov/AFNotify.

American Fork City has an Emergency Preparedness Manual available at americanfork.gov/Emergency that helps walk you through the steps of making a plan for you and your loved ones.

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Office Numbers

Administration	801-763-3000
Public Works	801-763-3060
Library	801-763-3070
Fitness Center	801-763-3080
Senior Center	801-763-3090

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Non-Emergency

Police	801-763-3020
Fire & Rescue	801-763-3045

On-Call / After-Hour

Emergency (Flood)	.844-AF-HELLO
Water/Pressurized	801-404-1253
Sewer/Storm Drain .	801-404-7167
Streets	801-404-1255
Street Lights	801-814-4311











4 Tips to Be a Better Recycler

1. KNOW WHAT TO THROW

Focus on cardboard, paper, aluminum cans, and plastic bottles and jugs to make the most impact. Do not put glass in the bin.

2. EMPTY, CLEAN AND DRY

Give your recyclable containers a rinse, then tap out the excess water, leaving no more than a teaspoon.

3. WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT

It's best to toss the item in the waste bin if it is too dirty. For example, a pizza box is made of cardboard, but if grease and cheese are stuck to the box, it can't be recycled. Same goes for to-go coffee cups, paper plates, napkins, and towels.

4. DON'T BAG IT

Materials must stay loose so they can easily be sorted and separated at the recycling center. And that plastic bag isn't recyclable.

Trash & Recycling Schedule MAY/JUNE 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Holidays Recycling & Waste Waste Only						

On May 29th, the trash and recycling schedule will be delayed one day due to the Memorial Day Holiday. All pickups will be moved to the next day for this week only.



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Temperatures in May typically are high enough that snow melt occurs causing spring runoff. With record-breaking snow levels this year, we expect the runoff to be higher than normal. Most of American Fork City is not affected by runoff. The snow melt comes down American Fork Canyon and runs through the American Fork River and eventually empties into Utah Lake. Areas of higher alert will be around the river. We don't expect any flooding along storm drains, retention ponds, sloughs, or springs throughout town. These water ways are typically only impacted during rainstorms.

For areas around the AF River, preparations have been made in the event temperatures rise quickly and bring large quantities of water down the canyon in a short amount of time. American Fork City is working in coordinated effort with other agencies, including the cities of Alpine, Cedar Hills, and Highland, and Utah County to handle any potential problems. Since the last big flood in 1983, a debris catch basin was added at the mouth of the canyon allowing us to capture

and remove debris that may come from the canyon. Staff will be watching the mouth of the canyon regularly to monitor water levels coming through the catch basin.

The large flood years in 2011 and 2019 were handled with no issues of flooding. While there are no guarantees that flooding will not occur, our Public Works crew feels confident in their skill and ability to handle upcoming 2023 water events both with preventative measures and ongoing monitoring and clearing of the river channel. Pinch points where the river runs under the street are being watched and have been staged with concrete barriers and thousands of sand bags to deploy if necessary.

American Fork will continue to work closely to monitor the river and give residents and businesses advance warning if flooding occurs via AF Notify text/email alerts and social media posts.

To report flooding, call: **844-AF-HELLO**





Memorial Day Breakfast & Program



Join us for the annual Memorial Day Breakfast hosted by American Fork Fire & Rescue! Come for a delicious breakfast of pancakes, ham, scrambled eggs, and hash browns at Station 51 on Monday, May 29th from 6:00 am to 10:00am.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for children (12 and under). Tickets will be sold at the fire station, located at 96 N Center St, and online.

As part of your Memorial Day observation, American Fork City and the Cemetery Committee invite you to attend "We Remember", a special Memorial Day Program on May 29, 2023 at 11am at the Alpine Tabernacle. The program will include a guest speaker, a musical number by the AFHS marching band and reading the honor roll among other patriotic activities.

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The City Pressurized Irrigation watering schedule is based on your address. Even numbered addresses are allowed to water Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Odd numbered addresses are allowed to water Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. All are allowed to water on Saturday for spot watering only. Watering hours are from 1:00am until 11:00 pm.

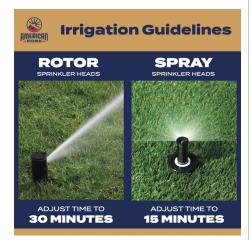
American Fork City Water Schedule			
WEEKDAY	HOME ADDRESS	TIME	
Sun, Tue, Thu	Even	1 am - 11 pm	
Mon,Wed, Fri	Odd	1 am - 11 pm	

The time frame from 11pm-1am is intentionally reserved for the system to recharge. Daytime hours usage is allowed since large water users such as parks, schools, churches and large commercial developments are instructed to water during the day. This happens for two reasons: issues with water pressure and number of stations. Large users impact the water pressure so much that they are asked to run opposite of what residents run so as not to impact resident water pressure. Additionally, they have more industrial sprinkler heads that mist less than residential heads, thus reducing evaporation of the two groups. Lastly, even though we try to avoid the hottest part of the day where possible, some spaces are so big they require a lot of stations that take time to run through, causing some sprinklers to go off in the middle of the day. It's a balance between trying to make sure residents get the water they need, the parks still get watered, and we avoid water loss from both groups. Residential PI users will find watering during the hours of 1am-10am and 6pm-11pm time frame will be more effective watering for their landscaping.

Spring is the best time to address sprinkler system issues.

- Check and repair clogged, damaged, or broken sprinkler heads.
- Do not water when it is windy. The majority of the water will not reach your landscaping.
- Don't over water. Spray heads should run for 15-23 minutes, rotor heads for 30-75 minutes no more than three times a week.

A helpful guide to watering your lawn the right amount is found at conservewater.utah. gov/weekly-lawn-watering-guide/.



2023 Burn Permits

The City's open burn season runs from March 30 to May 30. Citizens can apply for a permit online at americanfork.gov/burnpermit or in person at the fire station loca-



tion at 96 North Center Street. A burn permit costs \$20.

Call the Fire Department with any questions at 801-763-3045. Please be safe.

2023 Municipal **Elections Notice**

The City of American Fork will hold a non-partisan municipal election this year to elect three (3) council members to serve a term of four (4) years each. The Primary Election (if

needed) will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, and the General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

Individuals seeking to

become a candidate for municipal office shall file a Declaration of Candidacy or Nomination Petition in person with the City Recorder at 51 East Main, American Fork, Utah, during business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning June 1, 2023 and ending on June 7, 2023 at 5:00 pm. Please contact the Recorder's office at 801-763-3000 for more information.

Budget **Open House**

The American Fork City staff and City Council have been reviewing and analyzing financial obligations, department budget requests, and staffing requests. After much consideration, recommendations have been presented to the City Council to create a tentative budget for the coming fiscal year.

Budget Open House: May 2

You can participate in the City Budget process by attending an open house on May 2nd at 6pm at Historic City Hall. This is the public's opportunity to review and comment on the tentative budget. The City Council will review the public feedback and make any necessary adjustments. The final budget will be presented and voted on by City Council in June. Agendas from Council Meetings are found at americanfork.gov/AgendaCenter.

MAY 2023 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Date & Time	Event & Location	Details
May 1; 7pm	AF Symphony Concert "Celebrate Dance" - AF Jr High	Tickets at https://timpanogosartsfoundation.ticketspice.com/afs-celebrate-dance .
May 2; 6pm	Budget Open House - Historic City Hall	The public is invited to an open house to discuss the FY2024 Budget.
May 2-4; 7pm	Summer swim league tryouts (HAST) - AF Fitness Center Pool	To try out, you must pre-register at hilltopaquatics.org .
May 6; 7pm	Wasatch Winds concert "Spring Swing" - AF High School	Tickets at wasatchshowband.com.
May 8; 7pm	Gardening Series: colorful pots - Library Community Room	Series taught by Master Gardeners from the AF Beautification Committee.
May 9; 7pm	City Council Meeting - Historic City Hall	See the agenda at: <u>americanfork.gov/Agenda-Center.</u>
May 15; 7pm	Timpanogos Chorale concert "Deep River: an evening of spirituals" - AF Jr High	Free admission; donations gratefully accepted.
May 15; 7pm	Audiobook Narrator Panel - Library Community Room	Ever wonder what goes into making an audiobook? Live reading and a Q&A.
May 20; 11am	Gen Z Generosity Club for Teens - Library Teen Zone	Making cuddle pillows for children at Primary Children's Hospital.
May 22; 7pm	Gardening Series: soil preparation - Library Community Room	Series taught by Master Gardeners from the AF Beautification Committee.
May 23; 7pm	City Council Meeting - Historic City Hall	See the agenda at: <u>americanfork.gov/Agenda-Center</u> .
May 27	Outdoor leisure pool opens to the public - AF Fitness Center Pool	Public swim hours are 12:30pm - 7:00pm.
May 29	Memorial Day	City offices closed. Library closed.
May 29; 6-10am	Memorial Day Breakfast - Station 51, 96 N Center St	Community breakfast put on by AF Fire & Rescue. Tickets in person or online.

LOOKING FOR A JOB?



Check out the available positions at americanfork.gov/jobs.



Fitness Center Preschool



Join Us At The Senior Center

The American Fork Senior Center, located at 54 E Main, provides daily activities and meals Monday through Friday. We are an active aging facility that brings the community together.

Visit **americanfork.gov/Seniors** to see the exciting programs and activities at the Senior Center. Come share your talents and make friends!

